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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

MS Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Applicants' undersigned representative, Neil Ferraro, thanks Supervisor Yu for the courtesy extended during the Telephone Interview held on January 4, 2007 and thanks Examiner Patterson for the courtesy extended during the Telephone Interviews held on January 5 and 9, 2007.

On January 4, 2007, the Applicants' undersigned representative, Neil Ferraro, called Supervisor Yu to inquire about the status of the Notice of Allowance indicated on PAIR on December 7, 2006. At that time, Supervisor Yu raised US Patent 3,618,232 as being relevant to independent claims 1, 27, 137, 160 and 182 and noted a typical conventionally laced boots also as being relevant to independent claim 182. Supervisor Yu said that Examiner Patterson would be calling to discuss.

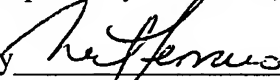
On January 5, 2007, Examiner Patterson and the Applicants' undersigned representative, Neil Ferraro, discussed the above-noted prior art. Applicants noted that neither the '232 patent nor the conventionally laced boot teach zone lacing to tighten the boot. No agreement was reached at that time.

Although the Applicants disagree with Supervisor Yu and Examiner Patterson that the above-noted prior art anticipate the independent claims, on January 8, 2007, Applicants submitted first proposed claim amendments (copy attached) to further distinguish the art to allow the application to pass to issue. During the Interview of January 9, Examiner Patterson indicated that these proposed claims would be allowable; however, Applicants requested that Examiner Patterson consider other amendments to the claims to place the application in condition for allowance. These second proposed claim amendments were submitted via e-mail (copy attached). Examiner Patterson agreed that the second proposed claim amendments would also place the application in condition for allowance and indicated that these second amendments would be added via Examiner's Amendment.

Applicants agreed.

On January 10, 2007, Examiner Patterson e-mailed Neil Ferraro a copy of the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37), the Interview Summary, the Examiner's Amendment and the Issue Classification. Applicants note that according to PAIR, under the *Transaction History* tab (print out attached), the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85), the Interview Summary, and the Examiner's Amendment are listed as being mailed on January 30, 2007; yet in the *Image File Wrapper* tab (print out attached), only the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) is available for download/viewing. As such, the Applicants herewith submit copies of the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37), the Interview Summary, the Examiner's Amendment and the Issue Classification and related e-mail sent by Examiner Patterson to Neil Ferraro in case the Patent Office does not post all documents on PAIR.

Respectfully submitted,

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